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SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONSULAR STAMP ON EAST BERLIN PASSPORTS

REF: A) BONN 8855; B) STATE 103942; C) BERLIN A-148

1. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO
MAKE AT LEAST OCCASIONAL USE OF SPECIAL DISCLAIMER STAMP
WHEN ISSUING VISAS FOR TRAVEL TO US IN GDR PASSPORT
PRESENTED BY RESIDENT OF EAST BERLIN (REF B). CHANGE
OF RETALIATORY GDR REACTION IS, IN OUR VIEW, CONSIDERABLY
REDUCED BY FACT THAT ALLIED STAMP WOULD BE MERE DISCLAIMER--
THAT IS, IT WOULD STATE THAT ISSUANCE OF VISA IN PASSPORT
WAS NOT TO BE REGARDED AS AFFECTING ALLIED VIEWS ON
SPECIAL STATUS OF BERLIN. IT WOULD NOT REQUIRE EAST
GERMANS TO ACCEPT OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE SUCH AS
" EAST BERLIN" OR " EASTERN SECTOR."

2. AS REPORTED REPAIR QUESTION OF
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MANNER IN WHICH PASSPORT AND SPECIAL STAMPS ARE BEING MANIPULATED BY SOVIETS TO ERODE TIES BETWEEN WEST BERLINERS AND FRG IS PRESENTLY AROUSING INTEREST IN WEST BERLIN JOURNALISTIC AND POLITICAL CIRCLES. SOVIETS ARE MANAGING, BY USE OF IN- HOUSE OR OTHERWISE COOPERATIVE TRAVEL AGENCIES, TO CIRCUMVENT PROVISION OF AGREED MINUTE I OF QA THAT WEST BERLINERS MAY UTILIZE FRG PASSPORT WITH SPECIAL STAMP TO OBTAIN SOVIET VISAS OR CLAIM CONSULAR SERVICES IN SOVIET UNION. WE BELIEVE CASE IS THEREBY STRENGTHENED FOR DOING WHAT WE CAN TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN RESIDENTS OF EAST BERLIN AND RESIDENTS OF GDR PROPER WHEN WE ISSUE VISAS FOR TRAVEL TO U. S.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMENDS THAT FURTHER EFFORT BE MADE TO CONVINCE BRITISH AND FRENCH OF UTILITY OF SPECIAL DISCLAIMER STAMP. IF UK AND FRENCH STILL PREFER NOT TO USE SUCH STAMPS, WE WOULD FAVOR UNILATERAL USE BY U. S. IN AT LEAST SELECTED APPROPRIATE CASES. WE DO NOT FAVOR USING STAMP WITH DISCLAIMER WORDING AS A RETALIATORY WEAPON, AND, AS INDICATED ABOVE, DO NOT BELIEVE IT SHOULD LEAD TO A " STAMP WAR." IN THAT UNHAPPY EVENT, A MORE APPROPRIATE STAMP WOULD BE ONE THAT ASSERTED OUR OWN LEGAL POSITION ON BERLIN. KLEIN

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